This week marks the beginning of **Operation Orphan Rescue**, a five week program that is designed to teach you what God’s Word says about caring for orphans. Through pictures and videos, we are going to meet some of these kids and learn how we can help them by:

1) memorizing Scripture;
2) praying;
3) raising support;
4) sharing the love of Christ; and
5) building long-term relationships.

This is going to be a very practical series, designed to get you serving Christ and His church. We have no doubt that it will change your lives.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to memorize the following ten verses from the Bible. If you are able to do so by the fifth week, you will get a cool Operation Orphan Rescue t-shirt.

This is your mission. Remember, it is important to memorize both the verse and its reference.

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**James 1:27 (NIV)**

*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.*

**Matthew 18:14 (ESV)**

*So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.*

**Hosea 14:3 (ESV)**

*In you the orphan finds mercy.*

**1 John 3:17 (ESV)**

*But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?*

**Deuteronomy 15:11 (ESV)**

*You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.*

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**Luke 12:33a, 34 (ESV)**

*Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. . . . For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

**Matthew 25:40 (ESV)**

*And the King will answer them, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”*

**Psalm 68:5 (NIV)**

*A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.*

**1 Samuel 2:8 (ESV)**

*He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.*

**Psalm 82:3-4 (NIV)**

*Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.*